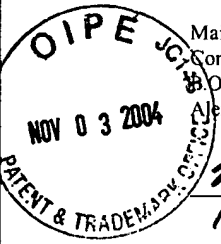


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**Applicant** : Kubota et al.  
**Filed** : December 27, 2001  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 18, 2004, attached is the corrected section using the proper status identifiers which should place this amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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